

YORK MILLS GARDENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes

On May 14, 2014, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, North Hall, the York Mills Gardens Community Association (YMGCA) held two meetings.

At 7:15 pm a **Special Meeting** of the Association was called to approve clarifying amendments to the constitution of the Association. These amendments were moved by Ron Morgenthal, seconded by John Nicholls and approved unanimously by the required quorum of members. The Special Meeting then adjourned.

At 7:30 pm the Association's regular **Annual General Meeting** was called to order.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were approved, as moved by Andy Lomaga and seconded by Steve Horvath.

Report from the President

John Nicholls referred to York Mills Gardens Community Association's purpose to advance and protect our neighbourhood, to be alert to building projects in our community as well as smaller concerns within our area, and to make sure the City's by-law requirements are met. We also keep an eye on main roads for traffic flow and congestion issues. We advise residents on many matters involving City services and responsibilities.

To help improve our communications and access to information, we launched a computer website that is readily accessible any time by members and the public at www.yorkmillsgardens.ca. The boundaries and streets in our defined area are listed on the website.

We are very concerned about the trend to intensified residential developments along Bayview Avenue which we regularly discuss with our City Councillor as well as staff in the City Planning Department, especially the large new development site proposed at the corner of Old Colony and Bayview.

There is also discussion regarding the need to repave Old Colony Road and whether a sidewalk will be required, or not desired by the residents.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Morgenthal, the Treasurer, presented the financial report. In 2006 when the Association was reactivated, it had approximately \$11000 in assets. At the most recent fiscal year-end December 31, 2013, we had \$15,127 in assets consisting of a large term deposit and a bank account. During 2013, we received \$1260 in membership fees, \$5 in donations and interest income of \$166, and had \$932 of expenses for the year. In 2013 our expenses increased due to annual expenditure for the maintenance of our new website www.yorkmillsgardens.ca

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was moved by Donald Worth and David Fleming, and approved by the members.

Membership Report

Steve Horvath, the Membership Director, reported that to date in 2014 we have 112 paid-up members. We have approximately 1150 homes in our defined York Mills Gardens area. The Membership report was accepted.

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Election of the Executive Committee

Joe Reis chaired the election of officers. The proposed slate of officers was introduced, the nomination process followed, including a new nominee present, Alex Greco. A motion to elect the officers was then moved by David Fleming and Barbara Krieger, and was approved unanimously by the members present. The Executive Committee members for the 2014-15 year are:

President	John Nicholls
Vice President	Albert Saati
Recording Secretary	Marci Newton
Treasurer	Ron Morgenthal
Membership Director	Steve Horvath
Director, Area & Issues	Moira Ashby
Director, Area & Issues	Donna Buss
Director, Area & Issues	Rick Comisarow
Director, Area & Issues	Sandra Comisarow
Director, Area & Issues	Alex Greco
Director, Area & Issues	Ahmed Jibril
Director, Area & Issues	Tom Katirai
Director, Area & Issues	Andrew Lomaga

Other Business

Mahesh Ramdeo and Salima Jivraj from the City's Engineering & Construction Services presented the Bayview Avenue project to us. Work will start in June 2014 and finish by November/December 2014, consisting of new watermains from Fife to Wimpole and then resurfacing from York Mills to Sheppard. During the morning rush hour, 2 lanes will be open in each direction and after 9:30am, 2 lanes will be closed. During the evening rush hour, 3 - 6:30pm, there will only be 1 lane closed. Cost is \$6.1 million.

Councillor Jaye Robinson, City of Toronto Ward 25 – remarks:

Councillor Robinson made a motion at Council to formally set up a community group to discuss traffic congestion, truck noise, developer utility cuts, on Bayview Avenue, etc. It passed at Council last week. She has voted to remove Toronto from the Ontario Municipal Board jurisdiction and encourages everyone to write and encourage our MPP to let City decisions be decided by a Local Municipal Board. The Bayview Avenue design guidelines working group is well underway. She agrees with the City increasing development charges 71% for new projects over the next 2 years. She wants more intensive training for those who are appointed to the Committee of Adjustment. She also said that an Old Colony road improvement project, flooding issues, underground work, sidewalk issues, have been included in the City's 1 to 5 year capital budget, and may start in 2016.

Robert Eisenberg asked why the City allows developers to advertise before a project is approved. If a project was approved, such as Hush on 2425 Bayview which went bankrupt, the new owner can only build what was originally approved, or else must re-apply to the City for new approval of any changes.

We thanked Councillor Jaye Robinson for attending our meeting and discussing important issues.

Trinity Presbyterian Church provided the North Hall room for this meeting. We appreciate their generosity and will formally communicate our thanks.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was approved at 9:15 pm.